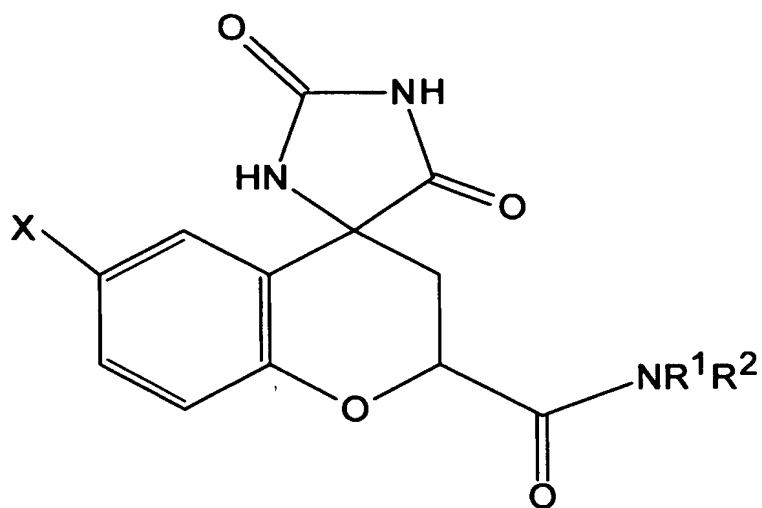


CLAIMS

1. A prophylactic or therapeutic agent for severe diabetic retinopathy, which comprises, as an active ingredient, a compound represented by the general formula:



wherein X represents a halogen or a hydrogen atom, R¹ and R² concurrently or differently represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C1 to C6 alkyl group, or R¹ and R², together with a nitrogen atom bound thereto and optionally another nitrogen atom or an oxygen atom, are combined to form a 5- to 6-membered heterocycle.

2. The prophylactic or therapeutic agent for severe diabetic retinopathy according to claim 1, wherein the compound is (2S,4S)-6-fluoro-2',5'-dioxospiro[chroman-4,4'-imidazolidine]-2-carboxamide.

3. The prophylactic or therapeutic agent for severe diabetic retinopathy according to claim 1, which is used as an agent for suppressing development into preproliferative diabetic retinopathy and/or proliferative diabetic retinopathy or as an agent for suppressing development of preproliferative diabetic retinopathy and/or proliferative diabetic retinopathy.

4. The prophylactic or therapeutic agent for severe diabetic retinopathy according to claim 2, which is used as an agent for suppressing development into preproliferative diabetic retinopathy and/or proliferative diabetic retinopathy or as an agent for suppressing development of preproliferative diabetic retinopathy and/or proliferative diabetic retinopathy.